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In accordance with the duty of disclosure and in advance of examination on the merits, please accept the following list of prior art references together with copies of the references:

Prior Art References

1. DE 200 05 461, filed March 23, 2000 in Germany; published July 13, 2000; applicant, Schott Glas. This reference is in German but its subject matter and the relationship of its subject matter to the claimed invention are described in two paragraphs on page 4 of the English translation of the specification of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

This reference discloses a glass ceramic or glass panel with an IR transmitting layer or metal foil applied to the underside of the panel. The IR transmitting layer provide a color-imparting decorative coating, but is attached to the underside with glue or adhesive or is a paint that adheres to the underside or is an aluminum foil that is flamed on. In contrast, the purpose of the applicants' claimed invention disclosed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application is to provide an underside layer or decoration without using glue or adherence properties, e.g. of paint or the like, to avoid mechanical stresses resulting from the temperature changes during cooking because of differing thermal expansion coefficients.

The invention of course is distinguished from the subject matter of this reference, because claim 1 claims a glass ceramic or glass panel to which a metallic foil/plate is locked to its underside by mechanical means without using an adhesive or glue. This reference could neither be used to reject the claimed invention as anticipated nor as obvious.

2. G 72 04 416.7, published September 14, 1972, applicant JEGA Friedrichsthaler Eisenwerk. This reference discloses a baking oven with a glass front panel, which is provided with a metal layer on its rear side, e.g. by deposition of a gold or silver coating or an aluminum plate. In the case of deposition of gold and silver layer again adherence of the metal is relied on and thus this embodiment is clearly distinguished from applicants' claimed invention. In the case of the embodiment with the aluminum plate this brief reference only states that the aluminum plate is placed behind the glass plate and does not disclose how the aluminum plate is kept in position. Also it does not disclose that the aluminum plate is mechanically connected or locked with the glass plate. Furthermore the application, namely a baking oven front face, is different from applicants' preferred embodiment, namely the glass ceramic and glass panels providing a cooking surface.

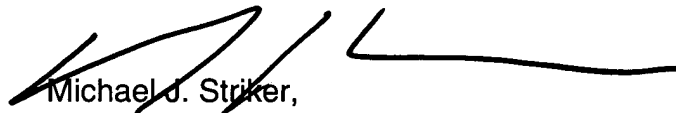
Thus this German Gebrauchsmuster does not disclose or suggest the invention claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

3. French Patent Application 2,349,798; inventor, Joseph W. Katona; applicant, Mills Products Inc, publication date, November 25, 1977. The priority document for this application is U.S. Patent Application 681,456, filed April 29, 1976. This latter U.S. Patent Application matured into U.S. Patent 4,049,939, issued September 20, 1977 to Joseph W. Katona. Thus an English language equivalent is available, so a statement of relevance for this reference is not necessary.

4. U.S. Patent 4,049,939, issued to Joseph W. Katona, on September 20, 1977. This reference is in English and is an English equivalent of reference number 3, FR 2,349,798.

Should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 631-549-4700.

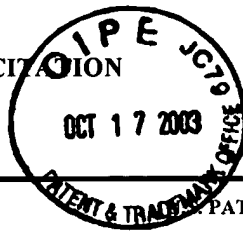
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PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		4,049,939	09/20/1977	KATONA			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		2 349 798	11/25/1977	FR			✓	
		200 05 461 U1	07/13/2000	DE				✓
		7204416	09/14/1972	DE				✓

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